

In the Senate of the United States,

November 13, 1997.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 1271) entitled “An Act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration’s research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “FAA Research, Engi-*
3 *neering, and Development Authorization Act of 1997”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.***

5 *Section 48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, is*
6 *amended—*

7 *(1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph*

8 *(2)(J);*

1 (2) *by striking the period at the end of para-*
2 *graph (3)(J) and inserting in lieu thereof a semi-*
3 *colon; and*

4 (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

5 “(4) *for fiscal year 1998, \$226,800,000, includ-*
6 *ing—*

7 “(A) *\$16,379,000 for system development*
8 *and infrastructure projects and activities;*

9 “(B) *\$27,089,000 for capacity and air traf-*
10 *fic management technology projects and activi-*
11 *ties;*

12 “(C) *\$23,362,000 for communications, navi-*
13 *gation, and surveillance projects and activities;*

14 “(D) *\$16,600,000 for weather projects and*
15 *activities;*

16 “(E) *\$7,854,000 for airport technology*
17 *projects and activities;*

18 “(F) *\$49,202,000 for aircraft safety tech-*
19 *nology projects and activities;*

20 “(G) *\$53,759,000 for system security tech-*
21 *nology projects and activities;*

22 “(H) *\$26,550,000 for human factors and*
23 *aviation medicine projects and activities;*

24 “(I) *\$2,891,000 for environment and energy*
25 *projects and activities; and*

1 “(J) \$3,114,000 for innovative/cooperative
 2 research projects and activities; and
 3 “(5) for fiscal year 1999, \$229,673,000.”.

4 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UNDER-**
 5 **GRADUATE STUDENTS.**

6 (a) *PROGRAM.*—Section 48102 of title 49, United
 7 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
 8 new subsection:

9 “(h) *RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM INVOLVING UN-*
 10 *DERGRADUATE STUDENTS.*—

11 “(1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—The Administrator of
 12 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a
 13 program to utilize undergraduate and technical col-
 14 leges, including Historically Black Colleges and Uni-
 15 versities and Hispanic Serving Institutions, in re-
 16 search on subjects of relevance to the Federal Aviation
 17 Administration. Grants may be awarded under this
 18 subsection for—

19 “(A) research projects to be carried out at
 20 primarily undergraduate institutions and tech-
 21 nical colleges;

22 “(B) research projects that combine research
 23 at primarily undergraduate institutions and
 24 technical colleges with other research supported
 25 by the Federal Aviation Administration; or

1 “(C) *research on future training require-*
2 *ments on projected changes in regulatory re-*
3 *quirements for aircraft maintenance and power*
4 *plant licensees.*

5 “(2) *NOTICE OF CRITERIA.*—*Within 6 months*
6 *after the date of the enactment of the FAA Research,*
7 *Engineering, and Development Authorization Act of*
8 *1997, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-*
9 *ministration shall establish and publish in the Fed-*
10 *eral Register criteria for the submittal of proposals*
11 *for a grant under this subsection, and for the award-*
12 *ing of such grants.*

13 “(3) *PRINCIPAL CRITERIA.*—*The principal cri-*
14 *teria for the awarding of grants under this subsection*
15 *shall be—*

16 “(A) *the relevance of the proposed research*
17 *to technical research needs identified by the Fed-*
18 *eral Aviation Administration;*

19 “(B) *the scientific and technical merit of*
20 *the proposed research; and*

21 “(C) *the potential for participation by un-*
22 *dergraduate students in the proposed research.*

23 “(4) *COMPETITIVE, MERIT-BASED EVALUA-*
24 *TION.*—*Grants shall be awarded under this subsection*

1 *on the basis of evaluation of proposals through a com-*
2 *petitive, merit-based process.”.*

3 (b) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section*
4 *48102(a) of title 49, United States Code, as amended by*
5 *this Act, is further amended by inserting “, of which*
6 *\$750,000 shall be for carrying out the grant program estab-*
7 *lished under subsection (h)” after “projects and activities”*
8 *in paragraph (4)(J).*

9 **SEC. 4. NOTICES.**

10 (a) *REPROGRAMMING.—If any funds authorized by the*
11 *amendments made by this Act are subject to a reprogram-*
12 *ming action that requires notice to be provided to the Ap-*
13 *propriations Committees of the House of Representatives*
14 *and the Senate, notice of such action shall concurrently be*
15 *provided to the Committees on Science and Transportation*
16 *and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the*
17 *Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of*
18 *the Senate.*

19 (b) *NOTICE OF REORGANIZATION.—The Administrator*
20 *of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide notice*
21 *to the Committees on Science, Transportation and Infra-*
22 *structure, and Appropriations of the House of Representa-*
23 *tives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and*
24 *Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later*
25 *than 30 days before any major reorganization (as deter-*

1 mined by the Administrator) of any program of the Federal
2 Aviation Administration for which funds are authorized by
3 this Act.

4 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE YEAR 2000 PROBLEM.**

5 With the year 2000 fast approaching, it is the sense
6 of Congress that the Federal Aviation Administration
7 should—

8 (1) give high priority to correcting all 2-digit
9 date-related problems in its computer systems to en-
10 sure that those systems continue to operate effectively
11 in the year 2000 and beyond;

12 (2) assess immediately the extent of the risk to
13 the operations of the Federal Aviation Administration
14 posed by the problems referred to in paragraph (1),
15 and plan and budget for achieving Year 2000 compli-
16 ance for all of its mission-critical systems; and

17 (3) develop contingency plans for those systems
18 that the Federal Aviation Administration is unable to
19 correct in time.

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration’s research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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